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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1912.

THE BENEFITS COME QUICKLY.

The city of Baltimore is about to demonstrate the value of the public utilities commission created two years ago by the Maryland Legislature. The Patapsco Electric Light and Power Company has petitioned the Baltimore city council for a franchise under which it would propose to compete with the Consolidated Gas, Electric Light, and Power Com-

Under the old conditions the probable result would have been that the franchise would be granted, and then shortly the bigger company would have bought the littler company, and swelled its capitaliin the end the public would have paid the price. Now it is different. Whatever the city council may think the final word will be said by the public utilities and that the Patapsco Company can furnish that competition it will indorse the granting of the franchise. If it thinks the public will be better served by one company than by two it will not allow the competition. It serves to protect both the corporations and the

Doesn't it strike you as being a pretty good scheme? Don't you think that a public utilities commission would perform a useful function for

It might cut the price of gas; probably would. It might order and enforce universal transfers; probably would. It might furnish you with a seat instead of a strap; probably would. It might correct a number of evils and abuses.

Don't you think it would be a good idea to talk with your neighbor about a public utilities commission for Washington, and then both of you work

PLAGUEIN' BR'ER FOX AGAIN.

Br'er Fox is so plagued and pestered between his enemies and his friends up in Massachusetts that he feels he might as well seek out some good briar patch in the neighborhood and just lie down and die. About one half of the State, mostly made up of men who are interested in the upkeep of poultry, have been circulating scandalous stories about his habits, and are clamoring for the Great and General Court to set a price on his head-or more properly his tail.

His fair-weather friends have come to his rescue, in a way. They have marshaled their forces for an organized appeal to defeat the bounty, and, in fact, to establish a closed season for his benefit. And yet he is just obleeged to recognize in this plausible benevolence simply the preservation of his race so that, as an individual, he may be hunted down with horse and hounds when the open season his partridge flights are as the sweep of the lark. comes. There are times when he feels that he might just as well be a hawk or a skunk, or any of those evil birds and beasts of prey which rob the barnyard. since people will believe all manner of mean things about him. He has become downright afraid to stop and admire the glossy plumage of a pullet, the proud carriage of a cockerel, for fear the tongue of slander will accuse him of some thievish and bloody purpose.

The hearing before the Committee on Fisheries cial and industrial institutions of the country. and Game, tolled off by the General Assembly, was almost as thrilling as a fox hunt, during the Monday session. The bounty bill was up, and the poultry men, big with the importance of representing some six or seven annual millions of barnyard products, were there to bring their charges against Br'er Fox. on April 8, and it is hoped there will be a prompt re-They could bring forward nothing but the dollar sponse. argument. It was the same old henroost story that has haunted him ever since Aesop began telling class machinery. With the completion of the canal tales about him.

there to plead his cause-from selfish motives, to be our great inland waterway system. It would be a sure. Still, he pointed out that it was really the thousand pities to see it sacrificed when there is so woodchucks and the field mice and the crows that much need for it. destroyed the poultry, while Br'er Fox, he was never so happy as when he was destroying these nemies careful consideration. of the barnyard. He not only furnished the true sport of kings, but, if the truth were known, he was the constant friend and guardian of the farmers interests. Timid poultrymen might easily keep their at the Arcade last evening. It's one of those gems of Cosmos—Vaudeville, 1:30 to 11 p. m. pullets penned up, if they had any doubts about ray so pure and serene that even when he delivered Gayety—"The Cracker Jacks." 2:15 and pullets penned up, if they had any doubts about ray so pure and serene that even when he delivered Br'er Fox's probity; it was no more than they ought it on a business basis it was really a charity to manto do; but the fact remained that they could say like kind.

old King Philip: "I shall sleep well. Br'er Fox is on

The fox hunters won the day, so far, and no bounty will be placed upon the life of the much abused animal. In a qualified way he feels grateful, but he is not forgetting that the closed season has not yet begun, and he is still cautious as to the company he keeps.

WILSON-WATTERSON-HARVEY EPISODE

Now that the curtains seem about to be drawn on the Wilson-Watterson-Harvey episode, it is possible to get a pretty accurate conception of it. Colonel Watterson, having issued his fourth and final statement, and having betaken himself in the direction of Florida, and the letters exchanged by Governor Wilson and Colonel Harvey subsequent to not have clear sailing in this county for the Republican Congressional nominations of the Republican Congression of the it would seem as if there were little more likely to be said by the principals. Colonel Watterson maintains he has certain proofs that back up his assertions, but he has not seen fit to produce them, and until he does they are not entitled to consideration.

From an impartial viewpoint, it is hardly possible to find any just ground for criticism of Governor Wilson in what has occurred. Only those who are hostile to the governor can see in what he has said or done in the matter anything that reveals him unfitted for the office to which he aspires. On the contrary, the public will be apt to notice that in tion this year will be held May 6. A two salient respects Governor Wilson's conduct has been distinctly to his credit. In the first place, he refused to support former Senator James Smith of New Jersey for the Senate, and in the second place he refused to have anything to do with campaign contributions from Thomas F. Ryan

It will not be seriously argued by anybody that in doing either of these things Governor Wilson has lowered his standing with the American people. Moreover, the exchange of letters between himself and Colonel Harvey was of a nature that seems to have satisfied Colonel Harvey, who was the party chiefly concerned. It was a frank apology for any brusqueness Governor Wilson had exhibited toward Colonel Harvey, and it is not likely the public will see in it anything more than any two men who had long been on terms of friendship might properly say to one snother in letters.

Miss Pearl Farmer, aged eighteen, and Percy Perkins, aged twenty-one, both of Richmond, Va., were married to Rockville yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Louis Watson, of the Presbyter-ian Church. Monday evening Miss Pearl Farmer, aged eighteen, and Percy Perkins, aged twenty-one, both of Richmond, Va., were married in Rockville yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Louis Watson, of the Presbyter-ian Church Monday evening Miss Pearl Farmer, aged eighteen, and Percy Perkins, aged twenty-one, both of Richmond, Va., were married in Rockville yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Louis Watson, of the Presbyter-ian Church. Monday evening Miss Pearl Farmer, aged eighteen, and Percy Perkins, aged twenty-one, both of Richmond, Va., were married in Rockville yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Louis Watson, of the Presbyter-ian Church. Monday evening Miss Pearl Farmer, aged eighteen, and Percy Perkins, aged twenty-one, both of Richmond, Va., were married in Rockville yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Louis Watson, of the Presbyter-ian Church. Monday evening Miss Pearl Farmer, aged eighteen, and Percy Perkins, aged twenty-one, both of Richmond, Va., were married in Rockville yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Louis Watson, of the Presbyter-ian Church. have satisfied Colonel Harvey, who was the party say to one another in letters.

The fact chiefly revealed by the outburst, or series of outbursts, of Colonel Watterson is that Govzation in geometrical ratio to the amount paid, and ernor Wilson has become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of such strength that gentlemen who do not want a man of too much independence in the White House are resorting to commission. If it decides that competition is needed no end of expedients to kill him off. It is impossible, of course, to forecast whether they will sucsible, of course, to forecast whether they will succeed between now and the Baltimore convention.

But up to date, it looks much as if the concentration of fire on Governor Wilson had only served to strengthen him, and to make his defeat for the nomination the more difficult.

In at the hearing, it develops there is a general demand for the bond issue, and in addition, will demand the hearing, it develops there is a general demand for the bond issue, and the hearing it develops there is a general demand for the bond issue, and the hearing it develops there is a general demand for the bond issue, and the hearing it develops there is a general demand for the bond issue, and the hearing it develops there is a general demand for the bond issue.

HOBBY NIGHT.

President Haskin, of the National Press Club, has done himself proud. The annual Hobby Night, pulled off in the club rooms last evening, confirmed the wisdom and foresight with which he established it, and signalized the first month of his administra-President Haskin, of the National Press Club. and signalized the first month of his administra tion in a manner which will be remembered.

The personality of the participants presented a happy contrast, but wit and wisdom were attributes common to them all. Nowhere in the country, perhaps nowhere in any country, would statesmanship and diplomacy speak with the freedom and candor which marked the utterances of Secretary of State Philander Knox and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, while surely it was a rare privilege to hear the inside of secrets of criminal investigations from the greatest Hawkshaw of them all, W.

Dr. Stratton of the Bureau of Standards gave new and impressive insight into the real work which his staff is accomplishing in applying the "bushel and the yardstick" to the affairs of everyday life, while it was a rare concession on the part of one of the great leaders and composers of our day to take up the beloved 'cello, which he had laid aside a dozen years ago, and win from it the very soul of music, as Victor Herbert did so well.

And then there was the starter, John Temple Graves, the Chrysostom of the Fourth Estate, who wins where he wanders and dazzles where he dwells." He was never in a happier vein, and even

The dope sheets are watched with increasing interest every year, and the races of the future will occupy a conspicuous place in our national history.

MACHINERY FOR WATERWAYS.

Senator Fletcher of Florida, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, is doing good work as the head of one of the most progressive commer-

His latest suggestion is that the machinery-now being used in digging the Panama canal should be retained by the Government for use in developing our national waterways. He has called for a meeting of all those who are interested to assemble in Nashville

Millions of dollars are represented in this highits usefulness in that connection will end, but it will But the Massachusetts fox-hunting squire was be found excellently adapted to the development of

The proposition is at least one which is worthy of

"Senator "Bob" Taylor delivered his lecture, Academy—"Mrs. Wiggs," 8:15 p. m.
"The Fiddle and the Bow," for the sake of charity

CONTEST TO WIN **CONGRESS SEAT**

Will Oppose Gist Blair for the Republican Nomination Next May.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Jan. 31.-Gist Blair, of gilver Spring, this county, will ination to succeed Congressman Lewis. Brainard H. Warner, jr., of Kensington, is also an aspirant for the nomination. He announced his candidacy in Rockville yesterday.

Mr. Warner was the Republican Congressional nominee in this district two years ago, but was defeated by Congressman Lewis. In the contest for the nomination he was opposed by Mr. Blair, who carried this county in the primaries. Mr. Warner, however, received a heavy majority in Frederick county, which easily overcamae the advantage of Mr. Blair in the other counties of the district. The primary elecrepetition of the fight of two years ago is looked for.

Funeral services for Charles Richard Harris, who died yesterday morning at his home, near Travilah, this county, will take place at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church

Mr. Harris was fifty-six years old. He had been ill several months of a complication of diseases and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and one son. He was one of the county's best-known

Miss Pearl Farmer, aged eighteen, and

The county commissioners have set february 28 as a day to hear arguments in favor of or against a proposition to bond Bethesda and Potomac districts, this county, for \$50,000 to assist the Chevy Chase to Great Falls Land Company to construct a boulevard from Chevy Chase to Great Falls, a distance of about nine miles.

Yesterday afternoon, representatives The county commissioners have set

Yesterday afternoon, representatives of the land company appeared before the commissioners here and asked that a special election be called to enable the voters of the two districts to deen election will be called, as requested,

The funeral of Iacob Alexander Gloyd, an aged and life-long resident of this county, who died Sunday morning at

offices at the time, or have since bee named to them," writes Judson C Welliver in The Munsey for February. "This is also the estimate made by Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon, after a very detailed inquiry from both official and private sources."

Entertainment for Blind at Public Library

Selected readings will be given this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Public Library for the benefit of the blind. Miss Julia Chadwick will be the reader. Tomorrow night a piano, song, and violin recital will be given at 8 o'clock by Miss Gertrude Schwameake, pianist; Miss Lillian Menaugh, soprano; and Miss Lillian Milovich, violinist.

What's on the Program in Washington Today

Lecture, "Beside the Bennie Briar Bush," by Dr. W. R. Wedderspoon, at Epiphany Lutheran Church, Sixteenth and U streets northwest, 8 p. m. Meeting of Columbia Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, grand visitation, tenight.

tonight.

The following I. O. O. F. organizations will meet tonight: Lodges—Eastern, No. 7; Harmony, No. 9; Federal City, No. 20; Friendship, No. 12. Encampment—Columbian, No. 1, degree work.

The following Knights of Pythias organizations will meet tonight. Lodges The following Knights of Pythias organizations will meet tonight: Lodges—Mt. Vernon, No. 5; Union, No. 22. Pythian Sisters—Friendship Temple, No. 9, business and social session.

Joint meeting of Protected Home Circles, Pythian Temple, tonight. Reading by Miss Julia Chadwick, reading room for the blind, Congressional Library, 2 p. m.

Ing room for the blind, Congressional Library, 2 p. m. Graduating exercises, Business High School, 8 p. m. Regular meeting of the Women's Wel-fare Department, home of Mrs. A. J. Parsons, 1704 Eighteenth street north-

Class night exercises, McKinley Manual Training School, 8 p. m. School for non-commissioned officers, First Infantry, District National First Infantry, District National Guard, and gallery instruction, Center Market Armory, 8 p. m.

Fifteenth annual meeting of the Auduhon Society of the District of Columbia, McKinley Manual Training School, Seventh street and Rhode Island avenue, 8 p. m.

Annual reunion of the Washington alumni of the Western Reserve University, University Club, 6:30 p. m.

Amusements. Belasco-Sam Bernard, 2:15 and 8:1 p. m. National-"The Concert," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Columbia—"The Price," 8:15 p. m. Chase's—Polite vaudoville, 2:15 and 8:15 8:15 p. m. Lyceum-Star Show Girls, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Arcade-Skating, bowling, and motion

In the Mail Bag

Readers of The Times are invited to use this department as their ewn-to write freely and frankly with the assurance that no letter not of ectionable in language will be denied publication. Letters must not, however, exceed 200 words in length, and must be written only en one side of the paper. Letters must bear the names and addresses of the writers as evidence of good faith, but the names will not be made public without the consent of the contributors. Address MAIL BAG EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

UNLIKE SENTIMENTS

OF REAL SOLDIER

To the Editor of THE TIMES: A recent letter in The Times Mail Bag by "Real Soldier" seems to express some doubtful insinuations as to the sincerity of the motives of certain patriots in their "fealty to the flag," while displaying a vast amount of monumental egotism in referring us proudly to his own "honorable disproudly to his own "honorable dis-charge," etc., from the United States army. Well, we must say, that this does not appeal to us very powerfully nor inspire our mind with sentiments of the highest respect for the opinion of "Real Soldier." In fact, we think this reads little like the really just sentiments of a real soldier, such as some we have the honor to name in our list of acquaintances.

of a real soldier, such as some we have the honor to name in our list of acquaintances.

Now, I'm not entitled to claim any such honorable distinction for myself, but I have always the greatest respect for real soldiers who are just and charitable toward others and loyal to the fing, no matter what was the color of their uniforms in bygone years, and no matter whether they have succeeded or not in "landing" what I deem they just deserve—a lucrative departmental job. I am speaking especially of the gray-haired veterans of lifty years ago, from the ranks of both the Blue and the Gray. We never tire of hearing tales of their lives in camp and field, and if "Real Soldier" can really "tell something" as true and startling we would be willing to walk many miles to hear it, but a needless display of too mach egotism is—well, just a little nauseating, you know, and thereby spoils mary a brilliant story. I doff my hat to those old veterans who were real soldiers. REAL VIRGINIAN. haymarket, Va.

PEOPLE WILL TAKE CARE OF ROOSEVELT CANDIDACY

To the Editor of THE TIMES: Considerable speculation of late has been indulged in by two different ele ments of the interested voters as to he advisability, the desirability, and the necessity of former President Theodore Roosevelt declaring himself as to his probable candidacy or the improbability of his being a candidate in the conduct I'residential election.

Mr Roosevelt is not a candidate, and the necessity of his becoming the standard bearer in the next contest does not necessarily make him a candidate Neither is it necessary for him to be come a candidate (according to the definition of the term, (andidate), in order

to present his name to the Chicago convention, next June. If, as many of our wise men think, it will be necessary, in order to pull the party through, at the next Presi-

dential election, to nominate Theodore Acosevelt (and I freely predict that condition), then the people will take care dition), then the people will take care of that contingency by not only nominating him, but to elect him.

Mr. Roosevelt does not desire to be a candidate, but if the necessity arises. Mr. Roosevelt will accept the situation and not only will he allow his name to go before the convention, but when nominated, he will not not only pull the two elements of the Republican party into line, but he will carry the election without a shadow of doubt.

Should either Mr. La Foliette or Mr. party into line, but he will carry the election without a shadow of doubt. Should either Mr. La Follette or Mr. Cummins develop sufficient strength experts, opposed all of them, and put Federal Job Delegates

Enumerated in Munsey's

"My best information is that about 80 per cent of the delegates from the eleven Southern States to the national convention of 1908 held Government offices at the time, or have since been named to them," writes Judson C. Welliver in The Musey of March and much better now than later.

Cummins develop sufficient strength to secure the nomination at the Chicago convention next June, Mr. Rocsevelt's name will not go before that convention. The nomination of Mr. Taft is as speculative as the veather on the would still be more in doubt, so it would be the height of folly to nominate him—even if such a stupendors undertaking could be accomplished, which probably, it cannot be, and might as well be eliminated from the prospection which probably it cannot be, and might as well be eliminated from the prospection which probably it cannot be and might as well be eliminated from the prospection which probably it cannot be and might as well be eliminated from the prospection which probably it cannot be and might as well be eliminated from the prospection which probably it cannot be and might as well be eliminated from the prospection which probably it cannot be and might as well be eliminated from the prospection where the nomination at the Chicago convention. The nomination of Mr. Taft is as speculative as the veather on the would still be more in doubt, so it would be the pheight of folly to nomination of Mr. Taft is as proculative as the veather on the would still be more in doubt, so it would be the pheight of folly to nomination of Mr. Taft is as proculative as the veather on the would still be more in doubt, so it would be the pheight of folly to nomination of Mr. Taft is as proculative as the veather on the would still be more in doubt, so it would be the pheight of folly to nomination of Mr. Taft is as proculative as the veather on the convention of Mr. Taft is as proculative as the veather on the convention of Mr. Taft is as proculative as the veather on the convention o

tive candidates now, and much better now than later.

The possibility of Mr. Roosevelt's running will take care of itself, and in the event of its becoming necessary to do so, he will be nominated, with a clear field, as both of the other two candidates are men of honor, and will give due consideration to the situation, so if it becomes apparent that Mr. Roosevelt alone can save the party, the two other aspirants for the primination will gracefully withdraw and then do all in their power for the election of Mr. Roosevelt.

I hope I have now cleared the pool of "Muddy Water," and there will be no more speculation as to Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy, and that the element that so much desire his nomination, but are not "wise" to the political situation, are not "wise" to the political situation, will subside and let the atmosphere clear itself, and the other elementthe element that fear his nomination. will take warning and nomination, will take warning and nominate the only man that stands any show as against Mr. Roosevelt; a clear-headed, wise, conservative man; one we all once feared, but now no one fears, William J. Bryan. Bryan. Richmond, Va.

THINKS WILSON'S CHANCES ARE GREATLY INCREASED

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

Much has been said and written relative to the Wilson-Harvey-Watterson episode, and as to what extent it would affect the Presidential prospects of Mr. Wilson, and promote the chances of the others. Many of the "knowing ones" have proclaimed that it virtually eliminated Mr. Wilson from the race. I have been an observer of politics for thirty years and longer, and as "looker on in Venice," I can see why and where Mr. Wilson is a far stronger and more popular candidate today than he was, and if nominated his chances of election have been immeasurably ineased by his frank and decided action In this connection it might be well for some of these "wiseacres" who are overflowing with predictions and criticisms, to remember that there are hun-dreds of thousands of Irish-Catholic voters in the States of New York, Mas-

Tribune was not more potent in precipitating the civil war and in traducing the Southern people than was this same Weekly, even up to and after the days of reconstruction.

Under the circumstances, it was an insult to the Irish race and the entire Southern people to have Mr. Wilson paraded on a pedestal as the protege and personally discovered candidate of Mr. Harvey and Harper's Weekly, Whenever the Democratic party becomes so abject as to have its candidates made and unmade by Mr. Harvey, of Harper's Weekly, and Mr. Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, then it will be in order to disband and seek new alignments. F. G. P.

MELCHER RESPONSIBLE

FOR HIS OWN DEATH

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

Many newspapers have had short editorials regarding the Kinmundy train wreck on the Illinois Central, which cost the lives of several railroad offi cials, among them F. O. Melcher, vice president of the Rock Island railroad. Mr. Melcher was, in addition, chairnan of the railroads' legislative committee, which committee is compose of a horde of lawyers, agents, throughout the United States, and their duty is to defeat any bill. State or national, affecting the railroads.

A bill introduced in Congress long ago would have, if enacted, prevented the accident that killed F. O. Melcher and others, and the reason this bill was not enacted was due to the opposition of Melcher and his delegation

The organization of which Melches was the chairman has a common fund. contributed by the railroads of the United States, which fund is to defeat all legislation affecting the railroads; also to ruin, financially and otherwise, any person or persons who support legislation to which the railroads. any person or persons who support leg-isiation to which the railroads are op-

posed.

This organization is about as pow This organization is about as powerful as it can be made; it consists
not only of railroad officials, but Senators and Congressmen. Mr. Melcher
more than once spoke of "our Senators
and Congressmen;" also of the "three
Pennsylvania senators," meaning Penrose, Oliver, and former Senator Kean.
Their "star" man in the House is Congressman James R. Mann. now minorrressman James R. Mann, now minorty leader. The aforesaid organization also has

'drag' at the White House, for Melcher agents always received from Taft's hands about what they asked for. Time and space does not permit citing all events, but I will cite a re-

when the boller inspection act was passed by Congress, Melcher's agents approached the expert boilermakers who were candidates for chief and assistant chief inspectors, and gave them to understand upon what terms and conditions they could secure the in-dorsement of the railroads, which indorsement, they pointed out, meant ap-

Now, none of the expert boilermakers considered that Melcher's delegation controlled the situation, and paid no attention to their proposition. These experts figured that since Taft was constantly preaching "honesty" would have to practice what would have to practice what he preaches, but they made a mistake in having such confidence in the President,

up as candidates men who never con-structed, repaired, tested, or inspected boilers, and these men, Taft, due to the railroads' indorsement, appointed. Some of the men Taft appointed could not, at the time they were sworn into office, name the respective parts of a boiler, and yet these inexperienced, incompetent men, were selected over men who are regarded generally as boller experts. And Taft, dumb as usual, canders and why the mechanical not understand why the mechanical men, railroad employes especially, are opposed to him. H. S. JEFFERY.

BEST OF PRINTERS WAS SHAKESPEARE'S FRIEND

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

effort to confute E. H. Sothern's arguments in defense of Shakespearean authorship was to the effect that the plays were written by somebody intimately acquainted with the printing trade on account of the many references to the same in the plays-Bacon. for example, who was very careful with the printing of his books. This is but another example of the woeful ignorance of these Baconians. They are not aware, of course, that the most important printer of London during Shakespeare's time was one Nat Field. Curiously enough, this printer was a school-fellow of Shakespeare's. It is perfectly natural to suppose that when Shakespeare went up to London and began the writing of his plays Nat Field was the first man he went to. Field was the publisher, for instance, of Sydney's "Arcadia." Spenser's "Fairy Queene," also the works of Chaucer and Gower. It is oddly the ease that he was also the publisher of "Plutarch's Lives." from which Shakespeare got the stories of several of his plays. not aware, of course, that the most imthis plays.

Will these Baconians ever wake up?

P. H. HOYT.

SWEARING AND SPRING ANNOY "I. M. BOARD"

To the Editor of THE TIMES I'or heaven's sake won't that fanatic Swearingen, ever get over his mania cial system?" It seems to me that a full grown man (for such I take him to cisms, to remember that there are hundreds of thousands of Irish-Catholic voters in the States of New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, and other States, which no candidate can afford to wantonly offend or be by them misunderstood; Mr. Elaine had his Burchard.

They remember, and are fully aware, that Harper's Weekly has at all times been profoundly English, and ever since the days of Nast it has vilified and caricatured the Irish and everything they hold sacred; it was the friend and abettor of Knownothingism, and the be from the length of the words he

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS

First Lieutenant ALBERT B. DOCK-ERY, Fifth Cavalry, from Sacramento, Cal.

NAVY. Midshipman R. N. MILLER to Pennsyl-

vania, and additional Pacific re serve squadron.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Arrived-Prometheus at Santa Elena Bay, Ecuador; Nashville at Santo Domingo City. Salled-Cyclops, Ajax, fro Roads for Guantanamo, Ajax, from Hampton

SLEZAK IN CONCERT DISPLAYS VOICE OF PLEASING QUALITY

Singer Heard in Interesting Program at the Colum-

bia Theater.

To George Bernard Shaw the world is indebted for the definition, a "Gramatic" soprano, for a singer To George Bernard Shaw the world is indebted for the definition, a "Grammuc" soprano, for a singer with a worn-out voice. Shaw's epigrams, though often willfully exaggerated, are invariably suggestive, and this one in particular is a caustic criticism of present-day artistic standards. To those who are familiar with musical history, it is only too apparent that yould art, as art, is a thing of the past.

cism of present-day artistic standards. To those who are familiar with musical history, it is only too apparent that vocal art, as art, is a thing of the past. The marvelously cultivated voices of a Farincili or a Grisi are today but a tradition. Grand opera has been supplanted by the music drama, and the concert singer by the singing actor. When one of the latter, schooled in the broad and heavy style of Wagnerian declamation, appears on the concert platform, the result is frequently more instructive than inspiring.

Herr Slezak, who was heard in recital yesterday afternoon at the Columbia Theater, proved to be better fitted for concert work than is usually the case with operatic singers. His voice, while not a great one, is of most pleasing quality; his enunciation is unusually distinct, and he has oceans of temperament. The pardonable overemployment of a delicate planissimo was his chief faults but this did not materially detract from the beauty of his interpretations. A most enthusiastic audience forced the smiling tenor to repeat many of his songs.

The program, which very slightly resembled the advance programs appears

of his songs.

The program, which very slightly resembled the advance programs appearing in last Sunday's papers, consisted almost exclusively of lieder by German composers of the romantic school. No more striking examples of the picturesque and infinitely varied songs of that great generation could have been selected. Schubert's "Am Meer" and Schumann's "Lotusblume" were sung with an impressive and winning simplicity, in vivid contrast to the bold dramatic eloquence of Loewe's "Tom der Reimer." In the latter number, the singer's remarkable story telling abilities were delightfully demonstrated. the singer's remarkable story telling abilities were delightfully demonstrated.
The other German lieder were by
Brahms, Hugo Wolf, Richard Strauss,
and Franz Liszt, a few of the modern
successors of Schubert and Schumann.
Strauss' "Standchen" and Liszt's ever
popular "Lorelei" won special favor
with the audience. The program closed
with a group of light English songs, one
of them by a former Washingtonian,
Walter Rummel.

Herr Dachs, who, by the way, bears a startling resemblance to the familiar portrait of Richard Wagner, was a most sympathetic ard intelligent accompan-ist. His solo not there were well chosen and warmly applauded. JULIA MURDOCK.

Here's a Book

THE BOY WITH THE U. S. CENSUS.
By Fisncis Rolt-Wheeler. (Published
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If the growing American generation locks a comprehensive and inspiring familiarity with the works of its National Government there will be no extional Government there will be no excuse whatever for this unregenerate state. A wealth of such information, in delectable narrative form, is obtained in Francis Rolt-Wheeler's "U. S. Service Series," of which there have already appeared "The Boy With the U. S. Geological Survey." "The Boy With the U. S. Foresters," and now "The Boy With the U. S. Census."

The Census Bureau is usually thought

of as affording little but the dry bones of statistics, but Mr. Rolt-Wheeler readily convinces his readers that few. if any, other departments of the Government can offer more of human in-terest, more immediate contact with the great activities of this country, or even nore of adventure than falls in the day's work of the alert and understanding census taker. The book is subject to the one criticism, that the lad who is the hero would rival the full-fiedged college men of the experienced census force in mature intelligence, and eccapionally the author's own enthusiastic force in mature intelligence, and cocasionally the author's own enthusiastic
appreciation of a situation betrays him
elsewhere into sacrificing fidelity in
character and speech to the needs of
his narration. But never is there a loss
of essential verity, and never does the
interest fail. The mechanical wonders
of the factories, the child-labor problem, the negro problem, feuds of the
Southern mountaineers, the thrilling experiences of census-taking in Alaska, a
tenement district of New York, with
an exciting glimpse of Chinatown and
its tongs; Little Italy and the Black
Hand—all these enter into the account
to afford stirring interest and genuine
information, enjoyable to adults no less information, enjoyable to adults no less than to boys and girls.

Concerts Today

By Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra, This Afternoon at 3:30.

JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN, Director. PROGRAM.

March-"Bless Your Ever Loving Little Heart".....Marshall (From "The Slim Princess") Medley overture-"I Want a Girl" Harry Von Tilzer

"The Moonlight, the Rose, and You"Baer "Love Never Dies" Bereney

(From "Little Boy Blue.") Selection-"Louisiana Lou" (new) Jerome Characteristic-"Dance of the Song Birds"Richmond Excerpts from "The Little Mil-

"The Star-Spangled Banner." By Fifteenth U. S. Cavalry Band and Orchestra, Post Gymnasium,

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Fort Myer, Va., at 8 p. m. GEORGE F. TYRRELL, Director.

ORCHESTRA. March, "Ragtime Violin" ... Waltz," "Little Miss Fix It."

Henneberg Russian Episode, "Siberian Dip," Johnson Selection, "Baron Trenck" Albini

Overture. "Jolly Robbers" Suppe Three dances from "Henry VIII." German

"Norris Dance."

2. "Shepherd's Dance."

3. "Torch Dance."

ldyl, "Fraum der Sennevin," Labitzky Selection, "The Dollar Princess,"

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